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Snow days pile up for schools

Some regional school officials say it may be time for state law to require more snow days to be included in school calendars. Area school districts have used more snow days so far this school year than allotted, leaving superintendents to ponder added days at the end of the year or requests for waivers for the extra time.

Most area districts allotted five emergency days for snow or other troubles, but state officials are drafting a bill that would require them to plan for more missed days.

"This is something that is being looked at and rightfully so. The general public wants kids in school on a 'number of days,'" said Harry Briggs Jr., Madison County Regional Superintendent of Schools.

Briggs said the Illinois Association of Regional School Superintendents has drafted proposed legislation requiring boards to allocate more than five emergency days into their calendars.



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE)

Charles Brimm, the evening custodian at Wilson School, spreads some chemical ice melter on the walk in front of the school earlier this month in an attempt to get the way cleared.

Members plan to discuss the issue with teachers' groups and administrators to get their input. The proposed bill still has no legislator as a sponsor, he said.

Currently, state law allows school districts to build in more than five emergency

days if their boards choose. Some school districts at the southernmost part of the state have 10 emergency days due to frequent ice storms, he said.

With Tuesday's bone-chilling temperatures, most local superintendents

called off their sixth or seventh days of school — although the Madison School District conducted classes.

"What kind of idiot would cancel school on a day like today?" Granite City School Superintendent Steve Balen (See SNOW, Page 2A)

Court voids annexation

Madison plans appeal

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

A circuit court judge has ruled that Madison's annexation of about 700 acres on Chouteau Island — including the Chain of Rocks Landfill and Old Chain of Rocks Bridge — is void because the statute on which the annexation was based is unconstitutional.

The city has 30 days to either file a motion against the judgment or appeal the decision directly to the Illinois Supreme Court. Otherwise, the judgment will stand.

Madison Mayor John Bellico said the city will appeal the decision.

"We undoubtedly have to appeal it. We have done nothing illegal and followed the letter of the law," Bellico said. "We'll leave it in the hands of the court and I believe we will prevail in the end."

Madison annexed the property Oct. 8, ostensibly to help Gateway Trailnet renovate the Old Chain of Rocks Bridge and turn the mile-long, city-owned structure into a biking and pedestrian trail.

Although the property is located more than five miles from the city's boundaries, a new state law allows municipalities to annex a parcel or a river to "jump over" federal property for annexation purposes.

The legislation was sponsored by state Sen. Evelyn Bowles, D-Edwardsville. Madison is reportedly the only city in the state to which the law applied.

In November, Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine filed a complaint challenging the annexation. Haine argued that (See COURT, Page 7A)

On Nameoki Road

Walgreen plans 'largest' store

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Granite City will be home to a large Walgreen store before Thanksgiving, if development goes as planned.

On Tuesday, plans were announced for a 16,380-square-foot Walgreen "superstore" to be located on Nameoki Road between Manley Avenue and Shoney's Restaurant.

"This will be the largest Walgreen store in the Metro East," Mayor Ron Selph said.

The city has been courting Blackstone Development Group, the company behind the Walgreen development, for nearly six years.

"This is good news," Selph said. "We're really excited about it and I think it will do a lot to improve the aesthetics of that area and promote other retail establishments."

Selph said the store, scheduled for a grand opening Nov. 1, should increase sales tax revenue for the city and increase the property value.

The property in question is owned by Jack Dempsey and Don Adams. Existing businesses, including City Photo, the Tri-Cities Chapter of the American Red Cross and Bindy's, are expected to relocate in the city.

"We'll do whatever we can to help them relocate," Selph said. There are still a few details to be attended to before construction can begin, such as rezoning the property to commercial from residential, vacating a street behind the proposed store location and obtaining a clean environmental report.

But construction is scheduled to begin June 15. The plans for the building call for 83 parking spaces next to the 16,380 square foot building, with room for future expansion.

The proposed site is across the street from an existing Walgreen store in Crossroads Shopping Center. Plans for that (See STORE, Page 8A)



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESSE)

Launch time — Tisha Dillon, at left, launches the rocket she made in her Principles of Technology class at Grigsby Middle School as her classmates, including Jacob Wollard, to her right, watch it rise into the sky above the field behind the school. The rockets were constructed and launched as part of a project demonstrating the physics behind rocketry. Below, Ashley Green sights in on a rocket in flight to record the angle between it and the ground at the peak of its flight. The measurements were taken from the 50-yard line of the football field; the rocket was launched from the end zone.

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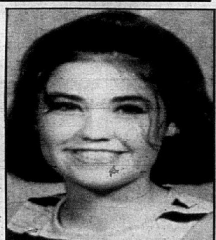
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Top Teen

Laura Nicol, a junior at Granite City High School and a member of the pom-pom squad, was a participant in the halftime show at the nationally televised CompUSA Florida Citrus Bowl held Jan. 1 in Orlando, Fla.

Nicol was selected as an "All-American" at the marching auxiliaries dance camp at Eastern Illinois University last August. Only the top five percent of students attending summer camps were recognized as "All-American", making them eligible to participate in the halftime event.



Laura Nicol

Sale to secure A.O. Smith jobs

Officials say the jobs of 540 local workers appear secure with the planned \$625 million sale of A.O. Smith Corp.'s automotive products division to Tower Automotive Inc.

"Can I say absolutely safe? No. But really in many ways, this ought to be fairly transparent. What they are purchasing is the assets, the plant, equipment and people," said Edward J. O'Connor, vice president of human resources and public affairs for A.O. Smith, which is based in Milwaukee.

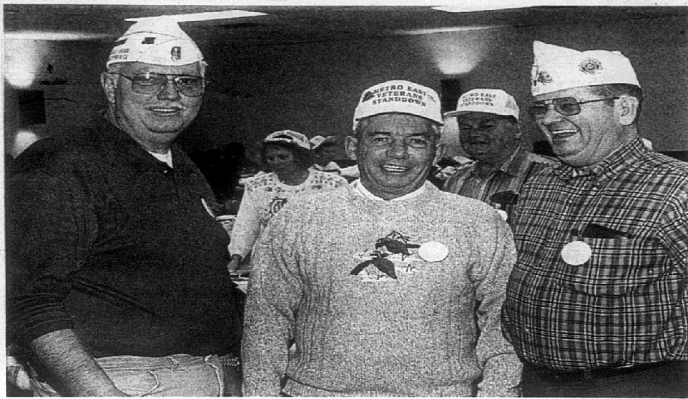
A.O. Smith produces lower body frames, engine cradles

and steering parts for several automobile lines at Granite City. Tower will bring expertise on production of the upper body, O'Connor said. It is a key supplier of upper-body structural chassis and suspension components and assemblies for every major North American light vehicle manufacturer.

Tower is based in Grand Rapids, Mich. Its investment arm is associated with Hidden Creek Industries in Minneapolis.

Closing is expected in mid-to-late April, O'Connor said. (See SALE, Page 3A)

LOCAL NEWS



Among American Legion officials at the event are, from left, Fifth District Commander Bill Flanagan of New Baden, 22nd District Commander Gerald Murphree of Fairmont City and Illinois State Commander Dick Snodgrass of Chapin.

Vets get pay back

Stand Down provides help to ex-soldiers

By Martin Richter
Staff writer

From 1965 through 1971, Jesse Ridgel served his country as an Army recruit in Vietnam. On Saturday, some of his countrymen served him lunch.

Ridgel, of East St. Louis, was one of 250 veterans who attended the Metro East Veterans Stand Down Saturday at American Legion Post 365 in Collinsville.

The event offered veterans and their families access to a wide variety of services—job and educational opportunities, financial assistance, medical and dental exams, substance abuse and mental health counseling and veteran and Social Security benefit information—as well as a free lunch and dinner and donated clothing and shoes.

Ridgel attended with his wife, Bobbie, and cousin, Cleaster. The three enjoyed a free lunch—particularly the homemade vegetable soup—and picked up some free clothing.

Ridgel pronounced the event "really great," and his wife agreed.

"The people are very nice up here, very helpful," she said. "They make you feel welcome. Whatever we need, they try to help us."

The stand down was sponsored by the 22nd District American Legion, which covers Madison, St. Clair, Monroe, Bond and Washington counties.

One of the volunteers was Shirley Holtgrewe of Belleville. Holtgrewe sorted donated clothing Saturday morning while her husband, Kermit, helped ferry vets to the event in vans provided by Dave Croft Motors and Cassens & Sons.

Holtgrewe said the work was satisfying.

"We feel good," she said. "We're uplifted when we can help people who are less fortunate than we are. A lot of veterans are in poor health and can't work, and we have services for them."

Vic De Simone of the Department of Veterans Affairs' Domiciliary Care Program said the stand down is a great way to connect some of the neediest veterans with needed services.

"These people, in large measure, are disconnected from normal sources of information," he said. "They're in trouble medically or psychiatrically, so this increases the chances that they will find out about the services they need."

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Rodney Dunaway of Collinsville, a disabled American Legion veteran, gets a free haircut from volunteer Gigi Hulce.

"If nothing else, it just gives these guys some hope, and maybe takes care of some of their immediate problems," De Simone said.

The American Legion's Illinois state commander, Dick Snodgrass of Chapin, visited the event, as did U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello. Snodgrass said many people don't realize how many veterans are in need of services.

"It gives them a chance to get some medical checks done on themselves, and some end up going to work, getting a job opportunity. It's a real good thing," he said.

"We can't understand why we

sometimes have these people out in the streets, especially in a place like this," he said. "You expect it in New York City, but not here."

The Tom Lakin Law Firm in Wood River donated \$2,000 for this year's event. Others who donated goods or services included National, Shop N Save, Dave Croft

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Objections filed to Pontoon petitions

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

With more than two months to go before the April 1 election, things are already heating up in Pontoon Beach.

Trustee Randy Presswood, a member of the People First Committee, has filed written objections to the nominating petitions filed by the opposing People for Village Progress Party.

The objection challenges 20 specific signatures contained on the petitions filed on behalf of Village Progress Party trustee candidates Lou Whittell, Bob Abel and Bob Vincent, and asks that those signatures be stricken from the petitions.

It also asks that three entire pages of signatures be declared invalid.

The three trustee candidates filed five full pages and three partial sheets containing a total of 101 signatures.

Forty-eight valid signatures are required to place the candidates' names on the ballot, Deputy Village Clerk Pat Ervey said.

Whittell, currently village controller, and incumbent trustees Abel and Vincent are seeking the three trustee seats to be elected in the village.

Incumbent trustee Mike Macek, along with Phil Witt and Scott Oney, are seeking the same seats as members of the People First Party.

Of the 20 signatures challenged by Presswood, eight of those people are allegedly not registered at the address listed on the petitions, two signatures are printed rather than signed, and the authenticity of 10 other signatures are questioned.

Presswood said most of the latter 10 signatures appear to be in the same handwriting as other signatures near them on the same petitions.

Presswood asked that, if any of the 10 signatures are found to be inauthentic, the entire page of signatures be declared invalid and that the circulator be referred to the state's attorney for prosecution.

Presswood also requested that a full page be declared invalid because a notary public failed to fill in the name of the circulator.

It was unclear whether the number of signatures challenged, if stricken, would be sufficient to remove the candidates' names from the ballot.

The village electoral board, consisting of Mayor Glen Wilson, Clerk Mary Rowden and Trustee Irene Karlechik, will conduct a hearing on the challenge.

Township officials face challenge

Four independent candidates will challenge incumbent officials seeking re-election in Venice Township.

The incumbents are running as the "Most Improved Party," a full slate of candidates led by Township Supervisor Andy Economy.

Eagle Park resident and former fire Chief Ed Lee Salmond Sr. will run as an independent and challenge Economy for the supervisor post.

Joining Economy on the party ticket are

incumbents: Clerk Metro Pierson, Assessor Bette Mosby, Collector Charles Rockett, Road Commissioner Robert Wiley Jr., and trustees Christ Pashoff, Ben Honorable, Joe Young Sr. and William B. Bickel.

Independent candidate Gregory Gardner is also seeking the office of road commissioner. Larrick Arnold and Patricia Branch are running for trustee as independent candidates.

The election is to be held April 1.

•Snow

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joked Tuesday as classes were canceled for the second straight day and the seventh day this year.

Balen said superintendents are in a "no win" situation because holding classes during bad weather angers some parents and canceling classes angers others.

"What you have to shoot for is consistency," Balen said. "There comes a point when you have to decide you don't want children out in the bitter cold."

Balen said that was the case Tuesday, when the wind chill was expected to be 20 to 30 degrees below zero.

Many area school children were overjoyed on Monday, when classes were canceled during a heavy rain storm.

At 2:30 p.m., the rain was still falling. A half hour later, however, the temperature dropped and frozen rain coated the Tri-Cities area with a sheet of ice about a half-inch thick.

"I knew we could get the kids to school. The question was could we get them home when they were forecasting freezing temperatures between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m.," Balen said.

The superintendents now must decide if they are going to ask for "act of God" days from the Illinois State Board of Education, take a "deduct" day and lose general state aid funds or make up the time, either at the end of the school year or by reducing spring break.

If classes are held beyond the last attendance day the school board set on the calendar, teachers and staff must be paid extra for days worked past that date.

State law requires 185 days minimum on a school calendar, including the five emergency days. Of that, 176 days are considered instructional days.

In requesting an "act of God" day, school superintendents fill out a form and submit it to their regional superintendent, who forwards it to the state board. Briggs said most requests are honored.

Balen said he will request "act of God" days. Schools were not the only places effected by the cold weather and ice earlier this week.

The Granite City Library closed at 4 p.m. Monday because of the ice storm.

Several tractor-trailer trucks had difficulty navigating streets Monday. At one point two trucks, a mail truck leaving the post office and a tanker entering QuikTrip—were blocking traffic on Madison Avenue because they could get no traction to move.

Street Superintendent Jerry Lakin said his crews mobilized Monday afternoon to spread chemicals on streets to promote thawing.

Because salt had already been spread on streets, he said, workers spent most of Monday night and Tuesday morning spreading cinders to provide traction.

The National Weather Service on Wednesday was predicting a gradual thaw over the next few days, with the high temperature Sunday reaching near 50 degrees.

(This story contains information supplied by The Telegraph and staff writer Bob Slate.)

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City bond rating dropped

By Bob State
Staff writer

A major financial firm has dropped Granite City's bond rating because the city has fallen behind in its financial reporting.

But city officials say the matter is irrelevant because they have no plan to issue bonds in the near future.

The municipal bond rating desk at Moody's Investments said Tuesday that Granite City is listed as "not rated" because the city "failed to provide documentation" to keep its rating.

"I don't know whether the city has any intention to issue bonds in connection with this (proposed tax increment finance) district. But if they want to do an issue, it would be best to be rated," said Alan Orthals of the Southwestern Illinois Development Authority.

Dan Brown, economic development director for the city, and City Comptroller K.P. MacTaggart both said the city has no plans to issue bonds soon.

The city has not had an outside audit of its finances since 1992. Mayor Ron Selph

said the city's financial department has been overloaded with paperwork associated with obtaining reimbursement of more than \$4 million in repair costs associated with damage caused by flooding over the past four years.

MacTaggart confirmed that the audited financial statements would be needed to obtain a bond rating.

"Moody's will not give us a bond rating until we get the financials to them," MacTaggart said. "But we don't intend to issue any bonds in the near future."

The city is paying Orthals \$20,000 as a consulting fee to set up a 600-acre tax increment finance district along Illinois 3 from Rock Road to Chain of Rocks Road.

A TIF district is a development tool. When the TIF district is formed, the amount of property tax money generated within the district is "frozen" at its existing level. Any future property tax money above the freeze level is withheld from other taxing bodies in the district and rebated to the TIF district.

Cities may also issue TIF bonds against the anticipated increased revenue in order to have the money "up front" for

improvements. The bonds are sold on the open market and then repaid with the tax increment. If the increment is not sufficient to cover debt payments, the city must either find other sources — such as general fund revenue — to eliminate the debt or default on the debt.

The rating is designed to be a reflection of the financial integrity of the city. It is usually the first thing potential bondholders investigate before investing.

In 1991, when the city issued taxable and tax exempt bonds in connection with its downtown TIF district, Moody's issued an "A" rating for the city.

MacTaggart said the audits for fiscal years 1993 through 1996 should be completed in the next month.

While most cities pay big auditing firms to prepare the financial statements required by state law, the city's financial department is doing most of the preparation itself and hiring a smaller accounting firm to review and confirm the information.

Having the work done internally should save the city about \$25,000 a year, or about \$100,000 total, MacTaggart said.

\$4 million reimbursed

Granite City has been reimbursed nearly \$4 million in sewer repair costs associated with flooding in 1993 through 1996, Mayor Ron Selph said.

"It took a lot of hard work and perseverance, but it has paid off," Selph said. "I made numerous phone calls to Washington and met personally with Sen. Carol Mosley Braun and Congressman Jerry Costello on several occasions to lobby on behalf of the city. Working together, we were successful."

The reimbursement for more than 120 sewer break repairs was provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

"The breaks were throughout the city and each one required a separate reimbursement application to FEMA," said Joe Juneau of Juneau Associates, the city's contractual engineer. "It took a coordinated effort from the mayor's office, the engineering department and the city comptroller to ensure these qualified for federal reimbursement."

Selph said the applications helped delay the filing of the city's external audit, required by state law.

"While it took a great deal of time and energy by my office, Joe Juneau and Comptroller (K.P.) MacTaggart, and helped cause a delay in the filing of the city's formal audit with the state comptroller, it was vital that we obtain this reimbursement from the federal government," Selph said.

"Without this reimbursement, the city taxpayers would have been required to pay the entire \$4 million and that would have depleted our surplus and caused us to look for additional revenue sources."

All sewer repairs should be completed by fall, Selph said.

Girl charged in crash

15-year-old, police officer involved in accident

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

A Collinsville police officer on Monday was recovering from neck and back injuries sustained after a hit-and-run accident Sunday involving a 15-year-old driver.

Officer Dan Hopkins, 34, was driving his personal vehicle, a GMC pickup, when the accident occurred at 2:50 p.m. Sunday at South Bluff Road and Collinsville Road. An accident report was incomplete Monday.

According to a police report, the driver left the scene of the accident and Hopkins chased the suspect. According to the report, Hopkins got the vehicle to stop in the 900 block of South Main Street in Caseyville where officers there joined him at 2:54 p.m.

Hopkins had used a cellular telephone to notify Caseyville while he was chasing the suspect.

The suspect — a 15-year-old girl from Granite City — was charged with having no valid drivers license and with leaving the scene of an injury accident.

Hopkins' 27-month-old son, Daniel, was riding with him but was not injured.

Other details about the incident were not available Monday.

In an unrelated police chase, a State Park Place man led authorities on a high-speed chase early Friday morning that ended in Madison.

Troy D. Gibson, 33, of the

2600 block of Arlington had been stopped by Collinsville police at 12:11 a.m. Friday at Arnold and Collinsville Road for improper lane use and suspected drunken driving. Before Gibson could be cited, he fled the scene.

Gibson led officers from several departments on a chase where speeds exceeded 100 miles per hour.

Gibson was eventually arrested in Madison.

He was charged with illegal transportation of alcohol, speeding, having no insurance, obstructing a peace officer, improper lane use and fleeing or attempting to elude police.

•Sale

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The transaction must be approved by the U.S. Justice Department.

A.O. Smith's automotive unit employs approximately 5,200 people at 14 facilities in the U.S., Canada and Japan. The company is also a 60 percent partner in a joint venture in China.

Selling its automotive unit will allow the company to concentrate on expanding its non-automotive business. It has an electrical products company in Ohio, a water products company in Texas and three other widely varied divisions in other states.

In announcing the decision, A.O. Smith Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Robert J. O'Toole cited the changing nature of the domestic auto supply industry.

"There have been a number of trends that have affected our Automotive Products unit, as well as other automotive suppliers," he said.

"Chief among these are the consolidation of the supply base, the growth of systemization in the automotive industry," he said.

"Chief among these are the number of tier 1 suppliers, which we are, is shrinking. I've seen estimates that it could go from 2,500 to as small as 200 in the next several years."

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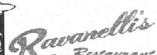
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Obituaries

L. Strotheide

Loretta L. (Kaltenbronn) Strotheide, 80, of Lake Ozark, Mo., died Monday, Jan. 27, 1997, at the Lake of the Ozarks General Hospital in Osage Beach. She was born Aug. 9, 1916, in New Baden.

Mrs. Strotheide was a member of Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Osage Beach. Survivors include her husband, Emil Strotheide, whom she married Dec. 24, 1937; one son, Dr. E.L. "Bud" Strotheide of Clayton, Mo., with a chiropractic office in Granite City; two daughters, Kathleen Harris of Ocala, Fla., and Phyllis Culpepper of Greenville, W. Va.; two brothers, Gene Kaltenbronn of Lake Ozark, Mo., and Dr. James Kaltenbronn of Ann Arbor, Mich.; one sister, Bernice Kaltenbronn of New Baden; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lawrence and Martha (Karpinski) Kaltenbronn. No services were held. The body was cremated.

Arrangements were handled by Hedges Funeral Home, Osage Beach, Mo.

Michael Carner

Michael "Mike" R. Carner, 54, of Port St. Lucie, Fla., formerly of Granite City, died Monday, Jan. 27, 1997, at his residence.

Mr. Carner, a U.S. Marine veteran, retired Aug. 1, 1965, from Shell Oil after 30 years as a supervisor. He was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 877, Scottish Rite, Elks Lodge No. 1063, Shriners Rolling Nobles, AmVets Post No. 51, and was a precinct committeeman for Chouteau Township No. 1.

Survivors include his wife, Etna "Beth" Carner, his father Howard Carner of Indiana, a stepmother, Charlotte Estes of Indiana; one son, Brett Carner of Granite City; one daughter, Shelly Corniter of Granite City; one sister, Robin Porch of Belleville; a half brother, Jeffrey Carner of Kansas; and a brother, David Merry of Indiana; and one grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Dorothy (Barrett) Carner; one brother, Jim Carner; and one stepbrother, Anthony Merry.

Visitation will be from 5 to 8

p.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City. A Masonic service will be held at 7 p.m.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 31, at Irwin's Maryville Road Chapel with the Rev. Ronald R. Haffner officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights.

Memorials are suggested to the American Kidney Foundation or Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children.

Verlin Smith
Verlin Smith, 67, of Layton, Utah, died Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1997. He was born Jan. 27, 1929.

Mr. Smith retired after 20 years in the United States Air Force and was also a retired Southern Baptist minister. He and his wife resided in Madison County for over 20 years before retiring to Layton, Utah.

Survivors include his wife, Dorcas (Sisk) Smith; two sons, Jerry Smith of Dallas and Larry Smith of Layton, Utah; two sisters and four grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, at First Assembly of God Church, 417 St. Louis St., Edwardsville.

Arrangements were handled by Layton Mortuary, Layton, Utah.

John Nolan Sr.

John H. Nolan Sr., 86, of South Roxana, died at 2:45 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1997, at his residence following a five-month illness. He was born July 1, 1910, in Cumberland City, Tenn.

Mr. Nolan retired from B.E. Heau Township No. 1, 40 years as an auto mechanic, was a member of the International Association of Machinists Local 313 and was of the Protestant faith. In addition, he served as dog catcher for South Roxana, where he had been a resident for 26 years.

Survivors include one daughter, Mildred Fautle of Collinsville; two sons, John Nolan of Pontoon Beach and Larry Nolan of Collinsville; two stepdaughters, Dorothy (Barrett) South Roxana and Bonnie Hammond of Dorsey; two stepsons, Robert Hammond of Wood River and Jeffrey Ham-

mond of Kansas City, Mo.; two sisters, Pauline Sykes of Chapman, Tenn., and Gertie Chadwick of Cumberland City, Tenn.; five grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret (Mayfield) Nolan, who died in 1992; and his parents, John A. and Mattie (Christian) Nolan.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, Thursday, at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 3939 Lake Drive, Granite City. Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 31, at Werner Chapel with the Rev. Kenneth Clark officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to Hospice of Southern Illinois.

Betty Lutman

Betty Joan (Mansfield) Lutman, 61, of Collinsville died at 11:18 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, 1997, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville. She was born Jan. 22, 1936, in Venice.

Mrs. Lutman was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion Post 365 and VFW Post 5691 of Collinsville.

Survivors include one son, Gary Lutman of Collinsville; two daughters, Patricia Rubin of Fallon and Teresa Olsen of Collinsville; four brothers, Eugene Arnold and Donald Mansfield, both of Herndon, Va.; and one sister, Christine Bull of East Alton; and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul W. Lutman, who died in 1981; and her mother, Lucille (Arnold) Mansfield; and one sis-

ter, Shirley Emerson.

Visitation will be from 4 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, at Herbert A. Kasey Funeral Home Ltd., 515 Vandallia, Collinsville. Services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 31, at Herbert Kasey Funeral Home with the Rev. Dale Clemens officiating. Burial will be at Holy Cross Lutheran Cemetery in Collinsville.

Memorials are suggested to the American Heart or Diabetes Association.

21 sheriff's workers pass drug tests

Twenty-one employees at the Madison County Sheriff's Department recently passed the agency's annual drug testing, department officials said.

Employees from each division of the department, including patrol, investigation, dispatching, administration and clerical, were selected at random and tested for drug use.

The test was administered on Jan. 14. Since 1990, no employees have tested positive for drugs.

All employees are eligible in the random drawing, which Sheriff Bob Church said he is proud of the good results and hopes the program bolsters public confidence in his department.

—From The Telegraph

Costello calls reform priority

By Mark Hodapp
Staff writer

Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleville, said reforming the way congressional, senatorial and presidential campaigns are financed should be a major priority for the 105th Congress.

To that end, Costello introduced legislation last week that could alter the way candidates are elected to the House of Representatives.

"People are sick and tired of citizens paying hundreds of thousands of dollars for a photograph with the president or the speaker's not-for-profit foundation, only to find it ending up in congressional re-election campaigns," Costello said.

Costello pointed out that the average congressional race in 1997 cost \$700,000, with the top two leaders in Congress spending almost \$10 million on their two races alone.

"Voters should know that their local candidates are running campaigns supported by local citizens, not financed by wealthy, nationally-based special-interest groups," he said.

Costello noted that his legislation would dramatically limit the contributions allowed and restrict it to citizens with a congressional district. Specifically, his bill proposes to set voluntary spending limits of \$600,000 per election cycle; bans public financing of campaigns; bans contributions from political action committees; and limits the personal expenditures of any congressional candidate to \$50,000 per election cycle.

9 charged after party

Nine area young people face a variety of charges after police broke up a party at a hotel in Collinsville.

Collinsville police answered a disturbance call at the Collinsville Hotel, 475 N. Bluff Road, just before midnight Jan. 18. They said they discovered that several minors in two rooms had been drinking.

Seven young people, including a 16-year-old female from Granite City — were charged with unlawful possession or consumption of an alcoholic beverage.

They are: Jennifer L. Ancona, 18, of the 1180 block of Olive; Stephen M. Peterson, 20, of Pontoon Beach; and Sean A. Yount, 19, Sean E. Lewis, 20, Jocelyn M. Simpson, 18, and Jeffrey M. Estrada, 18, all of Granite City.

Monica J. Morris, 19, of San Jose, Calif., was arrested on an outstanding warrant from Granite City on a disorderly conduct charge. Jason E. Stark, 21, of Granite City was charged with obstructing a peace officer.

Services were held Monday, Jan. 27, at St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 207 Vandallia, Collinsville, with the Rev. Robert W. Spriggs officiating. Burial was in St. Peter & Paul Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church and St. John Neumann Catholic School, Maryville.

Arrangements were handled by Herr Funeral Home, 501 W. Main, Collinsville.

TREASTER, Donald E., 78, of Granite City, formerly of Quincy, died at 12:05 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, 1997, at St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield, Mo.

Services were held Tuesday, Jan. 28, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, with the Rev. Walter Martinez officiating. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery, Quincy.

Memorials are suggested to St. John's United Church of Christ, 3901 Nameoki, Granite City; or Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children, St. Louis.

TARPOFF, Melba M. (Theis), 75, of Granite City, died at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, 1997, suddenly at her residence.

Services were held Sunday, Jan. 26, at St. Peter Evangelical United Church of Christ, 2103 Cleveland, Granite City, with the Rev. Rose Hermonat officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to St. Peter Evangelical United Church of Christ or the Jon Tarpo Memorial Scholarship Fund, University of Missouri at Columbia, Alumni Center, 302 Reynolds, Columbia, MO 65211.

Arrangements were handled by Davis Funeral Home, 21st and Cleveland, Granite City.

BAMPER, Arintha M., formerly of Maryville, formerly of Granite City, died at 5:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1997, at Anderson Hospital in Madison.

Services were held Friday, Jan. 24, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 6325 W. Main, Maryville, with the Rev. Richard Scott officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Maryville.

Arrangements were handled by Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niedringhaus, Granite City.

WILLIAMS, Donald D., 65, of Mitchell, formerly of Madison, died at 2:15 a.m. Monday, Jan. 20, 1997, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Services were held Wednesday, Jan. 22, at Thomas Chapel, 2205 Pontoon Road, Granite City, with the Rev. Les Perkins officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to West 22nd Street Baptist Church, 2808 W. 22nd, Granite City.

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SEDABRES, Sophia Emily (Gershen), 78, of Highland, formerly of Troy and Granite City, died at 1:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, 1997, at Highland Health Care Center.

Services were held Sunday, Jan. 26, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Highland with the Rev. Robert W. Spriggs officiating. Burial was in Olive Hill Cemetery, Coffeyville, Mo.

Memorials are suggested to Highland Animal Shelter and will be accepted at Spengel-Bouland Funeral Home, 1501 Ninth, Highland, 62249.

BLUNT, Cora M., 92, of Chesterfield, died at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, 1997, at St. Ann's Healthcare Center in Chester.

Graveside services were held Friday, Jan. 24, at Elmwood Cemetery in Greenview with the Rev. Calvin Ray officiating.

Memorials are suggested to donor's church in Maryville.

Arrangements were handled by Schroeder-McClure Funeral Chapel, 1019 State St.

RIELEFELDT, Fern J. (Hoy), 65, of Edwardsville, formerly of Granite City, died at 8:11 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 22, 1997, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.

Services were held Sunday, Jan. 26, at Mater Funeral Home, 515 Vandallia, Collinsville. Services were held Monday, Jan. 27, at Mater Funeral Home, 515 Vandallia, Collinsville, with the Rev. John Wrench officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

KELLEY, Charles Weldon, 79, of Paragould, Ark., formerly of Granite City, died Wednesday, Jan. 22, 1997, at Arkansas Methodist Hospital in Paragould of natural causes.

Services were held Saturday, Jan. 25, at Mitchell Funeral Home Chapel, Paragould, Ark. Burial was in Finch cemetery.

HAYDEN, Alma M. (Seibold), 86, of Fairview Heights died at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, 1997, at Memorial Convalescent Center in Belleville.

Services were held Monday, Jan. 27, at the Great Catholic Church, 15 Lincoln Highway, Fairview Heights, with the Rev. James J. Wren officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Prairie Du Rocher.

Arrangements were handled by Kassy Mortuary, 9900 St. Clair, Fairview Heights.

MADDALE, Albdale Leonard, 81, of Collinsville died at 7:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, 1997.

Services were held Wednesday, Jan. 29, at Oak Hill Baptist Church, 2901 Oak Hill, Pontoon Beach, with the Rev. Don Stratton officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Memorials are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

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Well Aware 2000

Drugs must be taken properly

Prescription drugs can be life savers — literally. They can be the fastest, and sometimes the only, road back to health.

However, they can be harmful or even fatal if not taken properly.

"One of the biggest problems in the misuse of medication is with antibiotics," said Dr. Kevin Konzen, internist on staff at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

"Patients get a prescription and they start to take the medicine until they feel better, then they stop and do not complete the treatment."

Not finishing the prescription as the doctor directs can cause a number of problems, he said.

• Because the medication was not taken completely, you could have a relapse, or second bout of the same illness. Not completing a medication can also make you more susceptible to a second illness.

• Incomplete treatment with antibiotics is also the way bacteria develop into drug-resistant strains. If all of the bacteria are not eliminated by the complete prescription, the remaining bacteria can develop a resistance to that antibiotic. Then, another more powerful drug is required.

Unfortunately the more advanced medications are more expensive and cause more side effects.

• If you choose to save the remaining medication for a later illness, you can also experience some serious problems. Some medications have a very definite shelf-life and can cause serious problems if taken when expired. Tetracycline, for example, can cause liver disease if taken after its recommended expiration date.

Old or out-of-date medication may not work at all, delaying you from getting the treatment you may need. Finally, taking medication that was left over from a previous illness can mask serious underlying problems and keep you from seeking further medical attention that is needed.

"It is very important for patients not to hoard medication," Konzen said. "Patients should follow their physician's directions on taking the medication. If they have questions or doubts, they should not take a medication without speaking to their physician or pharmacist."

This is especially applicable to one taking another person's prescription medication, which often leads to severe or life-threatening problems.

Konzen suggests going through the medicine chest periodically and disposing of medication that has expired — both prescription and over-the-counter drugs. He also recommends discussing all medications with a physician whenever a prescription is changed. To make it easier for both the physician and patient, it is a good idea to carry a list of your medications with you, especially for office visits.

"Over-the-counter drugs also make a difference," Konzen said. "Certain antibiotics should not be used with antihistamines; many cold medications should not be taken by people being treated for high blood pressure, thyroid problems or glaucoma. Consult with your physician before taking anything, even for a cold or the flu."

Konzen advises discussing medications during a yearly check-up.

Diet can also change the way prescription medications can affect your body, he said.

"Diet is important. Certain medications have requirements as to when to take them, for example, with a meal. Not following the guidelines can modify or slow down the way medication acts. Antibiotics can be seriously affected by milk or dairy products. Even antacids and vitamins can interfere with some medications," Konzen said.

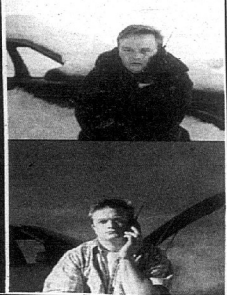
The key to making the most of your medication and your health is to thoroughly read the instructions that come with your prescription. More and more pharmacies are providing customized lists of do's and don'ts for customers.

More importantly, if you have any questions or notice any ill effects, call your pharmacist or your physician immediately. They can provide the information you need for your journey back to better health.

Kevin Konzen, M.D., is an internist on staff at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He received his undergraduate degree at the University of Notre Dame and his medical degree from the University of Illinois-Chicago. His residency was completed at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis. Dr. Konzen is board certified. He serves as an instructor in medicine at Washington University.

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Health column debuts

Advances in health care are taking place at a staggering rate. We are at the tip of the iceberg in terms of development of technologies that will have a profound effect on our lives.

In order for you to keep informed about these medical advances, the *Granite City Press-Record* has teamed up with St. Elizabeth Medical Center to provide readers with the information they need to know about their health.

Beginning today, "Well Aware 2000" will become a regular feature of the newspaper. The content of the columns will vary, but in each issue will feature community physicians discussing groundbreaking and relevant health care topics. It is information every person needs to know and cannot hear enough about.

Representatives from various clinical departments in the medical center will also share their expertise. Stories will reveal new technology or treatments available at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The focus will be on information readers can use to educate themselves, prevent illness and improve their current health. There will be no scare tactics or "disease of the month" stories; just factual information that will benefit the reader.

"The medical center is not just a place where we treat acute illnesses," said Ted Eilerman, president of SEMC. "It is a system of health services. The focus of the new health system will be prevention and education."

Because this column is being created exclusively for readers of the *Press-Record*, we welcome your letters, questions and comments. Let us know your concerns and we will try to address them.

Keep your eye on this space in the coming weeks and months to read more about your favorite physician or a new treatment you have heard about.

Let "Well Aware 2000" be your new source for practical health information.



Ted Eilerman

•Store

(Continued from Page 1A)

store are uncertain.

But Walgreen reports that a typical store experiences a 50 percent increase in sales after a new store is constructed on or near a present site, Economic Development Director Dan Brown said.

Of that increase in sales, 40 percent is typically from drug sales, which are not subject to tax.

Brown estimated that the building will add \$1 million to the city's assessed valuation. That translates into an additional \$28,333 in property taxes each year, with the city's portion being \$4,250 and schools receiving \$15,583.

While the city has been pushing the developers toward a new Walgreen at 20th Street and Madison Avenue, environmental concerns at the vacant former Clark Oil station made that move unrealistic.

Selph said the decision is not a blow to downtown redevelopment plans.

"They're still keeping their option open downtown," Selph said. "If Clark Oil ever cleans up that property, it will be a prime location."

If Walgreen opts to close the existing store in Crossroads, Selph said, it will make prime space available for other retail establishments.

"I think that area is pretty much full right now," Selph said.

He added that other businesses, such as Steak 'N Shake, have contacted the city about opening new locations.

"(Economic development) doesn't work overnight. But it's working," Selph said.

He said the closure of the vacant Woolworth store downtown has prompted a renewed interest in redevelopment along 19th Street.

"We have some inquiries downtown and many of the existing businesses are sprucing up their buildings."

"I think the new Transit District park and ride lot has really improved the aesthetics," Selph said.

Bridge to be open Sunday

The Old Chain of Rocks Bridge will be open to bird watchers on Sunday, Feb. 2.

Specifically, the public is invited to view bald eagles from the mile-long Mississippi River span between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday. Refreshments will be served.

Those wishing to participate should meet at the west entrance to the bridge, located on Riverview Boulevard just south of Interstate 270.

Gateway Trailnet plans to turn the bridge into the world's longest pedestrian bridge.

Gateway Trailnet, the not-for-profit land trust leasing and renovating the bridge, and the city of Madison, the owner of the structure, have secured more than \$600,000 in funding for the rehabilitation project. The first phase of the project is expected to cost \$250,000.

The bridge, which spans one of the most scenic sections of the river, was built in 1929 and later bought by the city and operated as a toll bridge. When the new Interstate 270 bridge was completed in 1968, the old bridge was closed.

When the renovation project is complete, the bridge will link major trails on both sides of the river.

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Sports

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Shot clock timely addition for prep game

Even before the Belleville East Invitational, where a 35-second shot clock was employed as an experiment with the grace of the Illinois High School Association, the scoreless fourth quarter in a recent game again supported the need for the shot clock.

On Jan. 17, at East St. Louis Lincoln, a basketball fan could have expected a highly contested Southwestern Conference game between the host Tigers, who have been respectable this season, and Edwardsville, also the Tigers but a contender for a state tournament trip.

After a quarter, Lincoln confirmed expectations by taking a 14-5 lead, and at halftime, the host school led 27-22. But after Edwardsville outscored Lincoln 20-15 in the third quarter, the game was tied 42-42.

It stayed that way for more than eight minutes as Edwardsville went into a four-corners offense that ate up most of the time in the scoreless fourth quarter.

After getting the ball at the start of the fourth quarter due to the alternating possession rule, Edwardsville held it for nearly four minutes before attempting a lay-in that led to a foul call and a subsequent missed free throw.

On its possession, Lincoln attempted a shot. Only to have Edwardsville rebound the ball and hold it for another scoreless 3½ minutes that led to overtime. A lay-in by Jon Harris with three ticks left broke a 44-44 tie and provided Edwardsville with the victory.

Within the rules, the win was a win for Edwardsville, but within reason I doubt that the players, coaches or fans at the Lincoln gym were pleased — any more than Lincoln loyalists who can look to visiting the Tigers of Edwardsville on Feb. 22.

ODDS AND ENDS: When it comes to brother-sister combinations, I wonder what kind of one-on-one games Abel Schrader and his sister Jamie have in Okawville. Abel, a 6-foot-5 senior, is the Southwestern Illinois area boys basketball scoring leader at nearly 30 points per game, and Jamie, a 6-1 freshman, is the leading scorer for the Rockets' girls team at 15.5 per game.

If you can mix a similar combo that has led their respective teams in scoring, I'm open for advice.

When Keith Pickett of Columbia plans the annual St. Louis basketball Shootout, he seeks nationally prominent teams and players. This season's show included Antwan Randle-El, a 5-11 senior point guard for Harvey Thornton.

Randle-El recently committed to the University of Indiana, where he has permission to play football (quarterback) and basketball — bringing to mind the name of Quinn Buckner, who went from Dolton Thornridge to fame at Indiana.

In 1986, another two-sport Thornton star, Johnny Brans, was the sixth man on a basketball team that finished third in the state. Twice a 1,000-yard football rusher in high school, Brans later earned a degree in business management from Greenville College, where he was the basketball team's MVP for three seasons. He is now playing pro basketball in Montecatini, Italy.

Thanks to bids by the Missouri Valley Conference, NCAA men's basketball regionals will be held in St. Louis in 1998 at the Kiel Center and in 1999 at the Trans World Dome.

FOOTNOTES: When it comes to numbers, collegiate football recruiters tell me they have not forgotten Lawrence Liddell, who left Althoff for disciplinary reasons and will graduate from Lincoln in East St. Louis.

In nine regular-season games, the 6-foot, 175-pound Liddell was the area leader in rushing yards (1,582) and points (144) with 24 touchdowns and eight interceptions.

High-flying Trojans trounce Greyhounds

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Madison's basketball act is good. Really good.

Good enough to take on the road.

Good enough to play in Peoria.

As evidence, take the Trojans' Tuesday night trouncing of Lebanon, a team that had captured the title at the Sparta Mid-Winter Classic last week with three convincing victories, including a win over Venice.

Madison vaulted to a sudden 7-0 lead and rarely broke a sweat on its way to a 78-45 win that could have been much worse.

"I don't want to say we're on a roll," said Lebanon coach John Schiepp before the game, "but we're playing good defense and every phase of our game is improving each week."

Madison's act is tough, but they're going to have to hold us down offensively."

That is exactly what the Trojans did.



Maurice Baker
17 pts.

The Greyhounds pulled within 11-5 before Madison scored 11 straight points in a three-minute stretch for a command-

ing 22-5 lead. It was 24-7 at the quarter's end and Lebanon was completely frustrated by Madison's intense half-court and full-court pressure.

The Trojans opened a second-quarter lead of 22 points before coasting into halftime with a 36-18 cushion. Maurice Baker (12 points) and Tywanley Patis (8) combined to outscore the entire Greyhounds squad in the first half.

Coach Al Collins played his subs nearly as long as his starters. Three bench players were in the game less than a minute into the second quarter and all five starters were on the bench by the four-minute mark. Still, Madison managed to force 13 turnovers and hold Lebanon to 29 percent shooting.

Madison opened the third quarter with a 15-3 flurry to take a 51-21 lead with 5:22 remaining. It was 57-28 after three.

The score was 72-38 when the last of the Trojans' starters (See TROJANS, Page 3B)



Ray Smith fires up a jumper. GCHS will travel to play Southwestern Conference foe Edwardsville on Friday.

Red Devils raise game in tourney

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Heading into the Sparta Mid-Winter Classic last week, Venice High basketball coach Clinton Harris said that he hoped the tournament would help his Red Devils jell into a cohesive unit.

After going 3-1 at Sparta, the operative word was "little."

"We jelled a little," he said. "There was a little improvement."

Little won't do, and Harris knows it. Especially as his Red Devils enter February's exciting schedule, which includes a game with on-a-roll Madison on Feb. 7 and an appearance in the Greenville Shootout.

"We've got to put an end to this roller coaster ride we're on," Harris said. "We must find some consistency. Someone is going to have to step forward and play a key leadership role. We are totally unpredictable. I don't know from game to game which team I'm going to have on the floor."

Both teams showed up at Sparta.

Venice opened tournament action on Jan. 21 by thumping Triad 51-22. It was the Red Devils' best defensive performance of the season. And they looked like the cream of the tournament crop.

But one night later, they turned in a poor performance in losing to Lebanon 69-65. It was a game the Devils wish they could have back.



Venice High senior Marcus Allen drives past Lincoln's DeWayne Watson and Craig Brown (30).

"We took Lebanon lightly," Harris said. "That was a mistake. And we didn't box out under the boards and that enabled their big boy to get offensive rebounds all night. They beat us on second and third shots. But, still, Lebanon

was playing over their heads."

Indeed they were. Two Greyhounds had their best performances of the year. Center Todd Morgan worked his way to 14 points and nearly as many rebounds while hot-shooting guard Les Norman

fired in a game-high 30 points.

Venice bounced back in strong fashion to win its next two games, beating Waterloo 33-48 and then nipping host Sparta 69-67.

"Sparta has a very good (See DEVILS, Page 3B)

Turner takes top prize in auto show

By Patrick C. Heston
Staff writer

Last weekend's auto show at the Gateway Convention Center in Collinsville brought together some of the most breathtaking vintage motercycles, trucks and cars from all parts of the nation.

But when it came time to pick the "Best of the Show," it was a lifelong Granite City resident who walked off with the award.

Troy Turner was the big winner with his 1967 Mercury Turnpike Cruiser. The beautiful red-and-white two-door hardtop, one of only a few such cars still in existence, was the talk of the show. It was as unmissable upon entering as it was unforgettable upon leaving.

The magnificent car cost \$4,000 new. By comparison, a 57 Chevy sold for about \$2,500. The vehicle was bought off the showroom floor by Turner's grandfather, Gordon "Piccolo Pete" Routh, a well-known saxophone player from Granite City and a member of the renowned Joey Jones band.

The car has been in Granite City for 40 years and is now in the possession of its third-generation owner.

"There are only three of these cars left in the United States," Turner said. "It's a very rare, very beautiful car."

Deadline drums up high drama

Don't ever think a sports-writer's day is dull.

Take Wednesday, for example. It was one breathtaking adventure after another.

8:35 a.m. — Call GCHS to speak with hockey coach Rick Hodge. Hockey game stats from Monday night never faxed. Need story for today's deadline. Told what I already knew: Hodge doesn't teach at the high school.

8:37 a.m. — Call GCHS hockey coach Rick Hodge at home. Line is busy.

8:45 a.m. — Call Hodge at home. Line is still busy.

9:00 a.m. — Call Hodge at home. Line is still busy.

9:12 a.m. — Call Hodge at



Patrick Heston

home. Lady answers phone. Has no idea who Rick Hodge is.

9:13 a.m. — Realize my predecessor left me wrong phone number for Hodge.

9:14 a.m. — Check phone book for listing for Hodge. Rick Hodge is not listed in phone book.

9:20 a.m. — Call GCHS and

ask for Rick Hodge's home phone number. They can't give it to me. I ask to speak to athletic director Jerry McKechnan. I am told he will not be in until the next day. I ask for someone who might have information on Monday night's hockey game. The receptionist can't help me.

9:26 a.m. — Call McKechnan at home. Get his voice mail. Don't leave message.

9:28 a.m. — Leave message with my boss asking for Hodge's phone number, explaining the deadline is nearing and I have no story.

10:40 a.m. — My boss gets back in touch with me. Doesn't (See DEADLINE, Page 3B)

Injury bug keeps Dutchwomen on mend

By Scott Marion
Staff writer

If someone were to make a movie about the Belleville Area College women's basketball team, "The Incredible Shrinking Roster" would be a good title.

BAC, which started the season with 11 players, is down to seven healthy players. Nevertheless, the Dutchwomen are 14-4 heading into today's game at Kankakee.

"We should have a better record," said BAC coach Shelly Ethridge, whose team is ranked 16th in the NJCAA Division I poll. "We lost two games by one point (to nationally ranked Danville and

Johnson County, Kan.) when we had last-second shots and missed them. Those games shouldn't have been that close in the first place."

"But I'm pleased that the girls have worked as hard as they have. Our All-American guard, Quessa Clark (a sophomore from East St. Louis), broke her wrist the second week of January and Cheme Fairlie (a freshman) has missed the whole season after shoulder surgery."

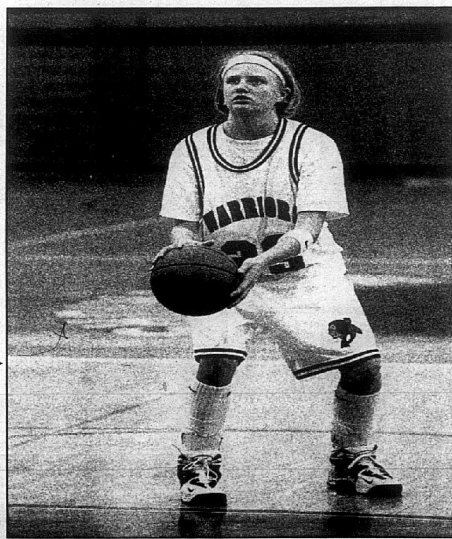
"We've had two other girls with thumb injuries. And if it's not that, it's the flu or something else. We never have a totally healthy squad. But we won four of our first five games with seven players,

which is a tribute to the girls and the good shape they're in."

In Clark's absence, 6-foot-1 sophomore Beth Voellinger (Althoff High School) and 5-10 sophomore Angie Jansen (Bresce Central) have emerged as leaders for BAC.

"Since the start of the season, Beth has picked up her level of play by two notches, if that's possible," Ethridge said. "She's got some (NJCAA) Division I schools looking at her that's she having a hard time narrowing down which five to visit."

"I'm so proud of Beth. When she came here, she was a little weak, but she wanted to prove (See DUTCHWOMEN, Page 3B)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRES)

Granite City's Kara Coleman steps up for a free throw. The Lady Warriors will take on Edwardsville in a Southwestern Conference home game Friday.

Stats 'n stuff

Prep basketball

Journal Writers' Poll Boys Basketball

LARGE SCHOOLS

1. DeSmet (18-1).....70
2. CBC (14-3).....63
3. Parkway Central (17-2).....56
4. Belleville East (15-3).....46
5. Hazelwood East (14-2).....40
6. Vashon (14-2).....37
7. Lafayette (14-3).....27
8. Edwardsville (13-2).....15
9. Riverview Gardens (9-7).....14
10. Troy (14-2).....10

SMALL SCHOOLS

1. South County Tech (10-0).....70
2. Madison (13-4).....63
3. Rosary (12-4).....52
4. Venice (11-4).....48
5. John Burroughs (11-3).....44
6. Freeburg (12-6).....34
7. M.E. Lutheran (13-1).....29
8. Lutheran South (9-5).....24
9. Berkeley (9-8).....6
10. Crystal City (6-4).....4

Journal Writers' Poll Girls Basketball

LARGE SCHOOLS

1. Gateway Tech (14-0).....70
2. Belleville East (18-3).....59
3. St. Joseph's (10-4).....55
4. Pattonville (13-1).....45
5. Nerinx Hall (12-3).....42
6. Francis Howell N. (13-3).....35
7. Lincoln (11-3).....24
8. Parkway South (12-4).....21
9. Edwardsville (13-6).....15
10. Troy (12-3).....9

SMALL SCHOOLS

1. Rosary (15-1).....70
2. Wellston (13-0).....63
3. Incarnate Word (13-4).....53
4. Eureka (13-2).....42
5. Principia (8-3).....36
6. John Burroughs (8-3).....36
7. Windsor (13-2).....29
8. Lutheran North (8-4).....21
9. Lutheran South (9-6).....9
10. Visitation (7-4).....7

Journal Writers' Poll Wrestling

Week of Jan. 29

- Team (Last week's rank).....Votes
1. St. Charles West (1).....69
 2. Oakville (4).....52
 3. Granite City (2).....52
 4. Francis Howell (5).....51
 5. Fox (3).....48
 6. Edwardsville (7).....30
 7. Parkway South (8).....22
 8. McCluer (9).....20
 9. Collinsville (6).....14
 10. Hazelwood Central (10).....6

Also receiving votes: Lindbergh, Francis Howell North, Lafayette.

Highland Girls Invitational

- Saturday, Jan. 18
- Game 1: Oakville 58, O'Fallon 38
- Game 2: Teutopolis 83, Triad 36
- Game 3: Paris 70, Highland 62
- Game 4: Belleville East 47, Greenville 38
- Game 5: Altamont 56, Wesclin 50
- Game 6: Carlyle 96, Pinckneyville 49
- Game 7: Breese Central 78, Althoff 58
- Game 8: Edwardsville 57, Breese Mater Dei 50
- Tuesday, Jan. 21
- Game 9: O'Fallon 70, Triad 48
- Game 10: Highland 59, Greenville 47
- Game 11: Oakville 55, Teutopolis 45
- Game 12: Belleville East 73, Paris 61

Wednesday, Jan. 22

- Game 13: Wesclin 58, Pinckneyville 47
- Game 14: Mater Dei 67, Althoff 53
- Game 15: Carlyle 68, Altamont 43
- Game 16: Central 66, Edwardsville 51
- Thursday, Jan. 23
- Game 17: O'Fallon 62, Highland 46
- Game 18: Mater Dei 39, Wesclin 37
- Game 19: Oakville 56, Belleville East 54
- Game 20: Carlyle 61, Central 38
- Game 21: Paris 48, Teutopolis 44
- Game 22: Altamont 54, Edwardsville 44

Consolation championship:

Mater Dei 52, O'Fallon 40

Saturday, Jan. 25

- Fifth place: Paris 66, Altamont 53
- Third place: Belleville East 53, Central 52
- Championship: Carlyle 78, Oakville 59

Belleville East Invitational

- Tuesday, Jan. 21
- Game 1: O'Fallon 86, Althoff 68
- Game 2: Belleville East 109, Cahokia 72

Wednesday, Jan. 22

- Game 3: Carbondale 67, Highland 56
- Game 4: Mehlville (Mo.) 68, Belleville West 52
- Thursday, Jan. 23
- Game 5: Cahokia 62, Althoff 59 (OT)
- Game 6: Belleville East 109, O'Fallon 75
- Game 7: Highland 78, Belleville West 70
- Game 8: Carbondale 72, Mehlville 58

Saturday, Jan. 25

- Consolation championship: Highland 58, Cahokia 57
- Third place: Mehlville 88, O'Fallon 83
- Championship: Belleville East 89, Carbondale 78

Salem Invitational

- Wednesday, Jan. 22
- Game 1: Edwardsville 76, Wood River 37
- Game 2: Salem 73, Charleston 55
- Thursday, Jan. 23
- Game 3: Centralia 67, Effingham 53
- Game 4: Mt. Vernon 55, Granite City 49

Friday, Jan. 24

- Game 5: Edwardsville 65, Salem 57
- Game 6: Mt. Vernon 61, Centralia 49

Saturday, Jan. 25

- Game 7: Charleston 74, Wood River 72 (OT)
- Game 8: Granite City 70, Effingham 62

Third place: Centralia 66, Salem 60 (OT)

Consolation championship: Granite City 63, Charleston 56

Championship: Edwardsville 69, Mt. Vernon 52

Sparta Mid-Winter Classic

Tuesday, Jan. 21

- Game 1: Venice 51, Triad 22
- Game 2: Sparta 59, Lebanon 44

Wednesday, Jan. 22

- Game 3: Waterloo 61, Sparta 48
- Game 4: Lebanon 69, Venice 65

Thursday, Jan. 23

- Game 5: Venice 53, Waterloo 48
- Game 6: Lebanon 51, Triad 47

Friday, Jan. 24

- Game 7: Waterloo 62, Triad 46
- Game 8: Venice 69, Sparta 67

Saturday, Jan. 25

- Game 9: Lebanon 54, Waterloo 51
- Game 10: Sparta 47, Triad 45

Nashville Invitational

Tuesday, Jan. 21

- Game 1: Nashville 65, Wesclin 42
- Game 2: Madison 67, Freeburg 43

Wednesday, Jan. 22

- Game 3: Mascoutah 58, Breese Mater Dei 53
- Game 4: Breese Central 71, Gibault 50

Thursday, Jan. 23

- Game 5: Freeburg 50, Wesclin 32
- Game 6: Mater Dei 51, Gibault 43

Friday, Jan. 24

- Game 7: Madison 56, Nashville 48
- Game 8: Central 83, Mascoutah 47

Saturday, Jan. 25

- Fifth place: Gibault 59, Wesclin 56
- Consolation championship: Mater Dei 60, Freeburg 62

Third place: Nashville 61, Mascoutah 50

Championship: Central 66, Madison 61

Litchfield Invitational

Tuesday, Jan. 21

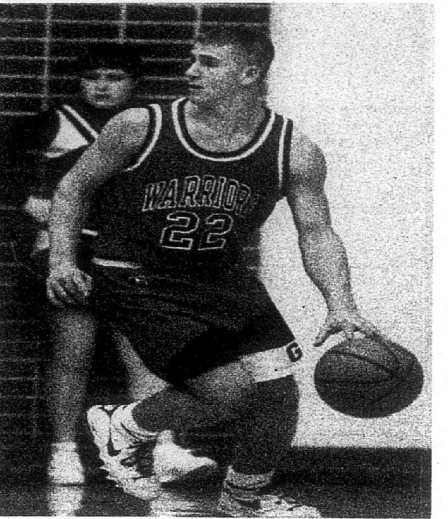
- Game 1: Columbia 77, Hillsboro 66
- Game 2: Litchfield 66, Jerseyville 64

Thursday, Jan. 23

- Game 3: Jerseyville 64, Hillsboro 60
- Game 4: Columbia 76, Litchfield 64

Friday, Jan. 24

- Game 5: Hillsboro 68, Litchfield 59
- Game 6: Columbia 77, Jerseyville 56



(Photo by BRADY BRUHN)
GCHS senior guard Kyle Briggs looks to make a play.

Hockey

Mid-States Club Hockey Association

Standings (As of Jan. 22)

Tier I Division A

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
CBC	18-0-1	37	128	27
DeSmet	17-2-0	34	144	34
Lincoln	9-7-4	20	72	62
Chamain	9-9-1	19	57	76
SLUH	4-12-3	11	56	75
St. Mary's	3-15-3	9	39	96

Individual Scoring

Player, Team	G	A	Pts
Tim Niedbisk, DeSmet	20	21	51
Chris Kellogg, DeSmet	24	22	49
Mike Jost, CBC	27	14	41
Brian Conlin, DeSmet	14	22	38
Bob Kern, DeSmet	15	18	33

Division B

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Oakville	18-2-3	33	105	40
Kirkwood	12-6-1	25	80	67
Parkway Central	12-6-1	25	97	62
Webster Groves	11-7-1	23	78	49
Parkway South	8-8-3	18	52	63
Parkway West	3-13-3	9	33	60

Individual Scoring

Player, Team	G	A	Pts
Brian Edge, Oakville	31	23	54
Eric Ortlip, Kirkwood	25	16	41
Brad Bokal, Parkway Central	20	11	31
Clad Rooney, Oakville	19	11	30

Division C

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Howell North	13-4-3	29	104	73
Haz. Central	13-5-1	27	69	83
Granite City	9-9-2	18	82	86
Francis Howell	7-14	16	55	57
Ladue	7-10-3	17	64	77
Whitfield	3-16-1	7	55	136

Individual Scoring

Player, Team	G	A	Pts
Mikal Gurfley, Granite City	20	14	34
Dan Zahner, Howell North	19	14	31
Preston Ames, Whitfield	29	9	31
Ryan Grap, Francis Howell	15	12	27
Todd Wilmes, Howell North	15	12	27

Division D

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Summit	12-7-1	25	82	78
Fox	9-9-1	19	65	87
Marquette	6-12-1	13	78	87
Parkway North	4-13-3	11	82	81
Lafayette	3-14-2	8	50	109
Mehlville	2-15-0	4	34	99

Individual Scoring

Player, Team	G	A	Pts
John Nichols, Fox	29	11	40
Brandon Davidson, Summit	17	23	40
Glen Sutton, Summit	11	19	30

Jason Hallman, Fox 14 11 25

Tier II Division E

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
John Burroughs	14-5-0	28	87	50
Clayton	10-5-4	24	83	64
St. Charles West	10-6-2	22	60	58
MCDOS	7-10-1	15	91	93
St. Charles East	11-9-1	11	36	63
Ft. Zumwalt South	5-14-0	10	53	95
St. Charles	1-14-2	4	56	119

Individual Scoring

Player, Team	G	A	Pts
Ryan Marchand, St. Charles	39	6	45
Jeff Quakin, Burroughs	18	18	38
Thomas Drake, Burroughs	15	17	32
David Cort, Clayton	18	10	26

Division F

Team	W-L-T	Pts	GF	GA
Lindbergh	15-3-1	31	114	45
Hazelwood East	14-4-0	28	136	47
McCluer	13-3-1	27	112	59
Pattonville	11-6-2	24	67	51
Lutheran South	8-8-2	18	67	65
Hazelwood West	3-14-2	8	40	100
McCluer North	3-15-0	6	34	101

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Deadline

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have Hodge's number. Suggests I call former GCHS hockey coach Jake Hinterser, who might have number.

10:43 a.m. — Leave message on voice mail of Jake Hinterser.

ser, asking him for Rick Hodge's phone number.

10:45 a.m. — Think of making crank call to the lady at the number I thought belonged to Rick Hodge.

11:00 a.m. — Contemplate sudden appendicitis attack and

emergency trip to hospital as deadline draws uncomfortably near.

11:05 a.m. — Remember that photographer was going to attend game for pictures of Senior Night. Call his cell phone. He has it turned off.

11:14 a.m. — Think of making up story on hockey game, complete with make-believe statistics.

11:20 a.m. — Wipe sweat from brow as deadline approaches.

11:27 a.m. — Have gun to head. Looking for bullet.

11:29 a.m. — Put suicide temporarily on hold after hearing brilliant thought to call DeSmet High School, the GCHS opponent Monday night.

11:30 a.m. — Call DeSmet. Can't get through.

11:38 a.m. — Call DeSmet again. Still can't get through.

11:35 a.m. — Pick gun back up. Still can't find bullet.

11:37 a.m. — Photographer walks in. Ask him who won Monday night's hockey game. He tells me it was canceled.

11:38 a.m. — Jake Hinterser calls with Rick Hodge's phone number.

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Trojans

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left the game with 3 1/2 minutes still to play in the fourth quarter.

"Lebanon got off to a slow start," Collins said after the game. "We never let (Lebanon) get on track until late in the game. If he'd been on track early, it might have been a different ballgame."

Norman, a sophomore, one of the finest ballhandlers in the area and a torrid streak shooter, led both teams with 21 points — 12 in the game's last 10 minutes. D'monte Singleton, another quick, streaky guard, finished with 21 points.

Big Todd Morgan got off only eight shots against Madison's inside defense, but made three of them, hitting five field goals for 10 points.

The Greyhounds (6-10) had trouble stopping the Trojans' balanced offense. Patton was shut out in the second quarter after scoring eight first-quarter points, but Baker picked up the slack with five points.

Baker was shut out in the third quarter, but Brandon McGirt hit for 11. And with McGirt scoreless in the final frame, Patton and Baker combined for 11 points.

Madison (14-4) received nine points from McGirt, 10 from Kevin Bradley, 11 from Demond Simms and 17 each from Baker and Patton. The five Trojans shot 62 percent from the field on the night.

The Trojans played with supreme confidence from the opening tip.

"The Nashville Tournament, especially our close loss to Breese (Central) in the championship game, built a great deal of confidence into ourselves ever again."

Collins pointed to halftime during both the Nashville and Breese games as the low points of the Trojans' season. But he was also the times his squad learned a crucial lesson.

"I told the team again

tonight before the game that I didn't care what the situation was, I didn't care what the situation was, we have the chance to come back and take care of business."

"If we get down six or eight points, it doesn't mean anything. If we stay focused, we'll get the job done."

Then he drove the truth home again to his players. "I can forgive you for anything. I can even forgive you for a technical foul (an obvious reference to Baker's fifth foul technical in the championship game at Nashville). But I don't forgive you for ever having your heads down again."

As the Trojans fine-tune their act for February's stretch, it is doubtful their heads will ever again be down. They're up now and will stay up. They're looking toward Peoria.

Dutchwomen

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to everyone that she could play college basketball. She's become more physical, more mature and more knowledgeable about the game. In five straight games, she had a double-double. For the season, she's averaging 10.8 points and 10.8 rebounds a game (second in the conference)."

In high school, Voellinger was a solid basketball player, but was better known for track and field. She was the Class A Central champion in the high jump as a junior and was runner-up as a senior.

"My goal was to have more rebounds than (BAC career leader) Tanika Hardin," said Voellinger, who recently surpassed Hardin. "I've gotten stronger in the post position, and with us not having many players, we had to become more versatile."

The freshmen (guards Toya Burton and Crystal Tarr, who replaced Clark) have done a great job. We have a really balanced offense — on a given night, anybody can be the leading scorer."

Voellinger graduated from Althoff in 1994, and signed a basketball scholarship to St. Louis University, but injuries suffered in an automobile accident prevented her from playing for the Billikens. She came to BAC last season.

"I've learned a lot more about the game," she said.

"Coach Ethridge is a really good teaching coach. Almost all of our starters are being recruited by D-I schools. If Quesha hadn't signed early with Dayton, a lot of schools would be knocking on her door."

"I've visited Northern Arizona University and I've talked a lot to Bradley and Charleston Southern University. Ever since I got to the juco level, my prerogative has been to become a better player, and (Ethridge) has really helped me do that. I'm definitely looking to go to Division I school and succeed there."

Jansen, meanwhile, is averaging 10 more points and more rebounds per game since Clark's injury.

"She's our go-to player right now as far as scoring," Ethridge said. "She's only 5-10 and she's going up against girls who are 6-3, and they can't stop her."

For the season, Jansen is averaging 16 points and eight rebounds per game.

"At the beginning of the year I played horrible," said Jansen, who has season averages of 12.3 points (third on the team behind Clark and Teresa Snowden) and 6.6 rebounds per game (second behind Voellinger). "Nothing was going right."

"I came back after Christmas and I've played a lot better. I have a more positive attitude now. I'm much more comfortable."

Devils

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team," Harris said. "They are very young — starting a senior and four sophomores — but they play very well together. And beating them on their home court was no easy task."

The Red Devils must do it again, though, as they travel to Sparta for a contest Saturday.

Harris feels that four round trips to Sparta took its toll on his team's performance.

"That's a long, long trip," he said. "I think it caused us some problems getting loose for the Lebanon game as well as for the last two."

Venice lost the tournament title to Lebanon, which also went 3-1 but owned a win over the Devils.

All five starters played key roles in the Devils' success as a different player stepped to the front edge game. If there was a key ingredient in the three tournament victories, it

was the balance of the Venice offensive attack.

Harris is pleased with most of what he saw from his team in Sparta.

"We're 11-4 now and are playing good defense and offense. We are working better as a team than we have all year," Harris said. "And that's what you want as you approach February. The tournament was a good tune-up for the regionals."

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Cox-Biason

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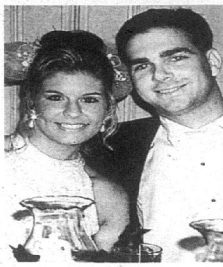
The bride is the daughter of Roseann Biason of Granite City and Mr. & Mrs. Phil Biason of Granite City. She is a recent graduate of Eastern Illinois University.

The groom is the son of Nancy Cox of Rossville and Jack Cox of Hoopston. He is employed at Tripleplay Sports Center.

DeAnna Kopsky of Granite City, friend of the bride, was the maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Kim Bridges of Edwardsville, friend of the bride; Jill Broshaw of Granite City, friend of the bride; Misti Cox of Rossville, sister of the groom; Tammy McEwen of Mt. Zion, friend of the bride; and Amy Sheridan of Granite City, friend of the bride.

Flower girl was Erika Prazma, cousin of the bride.

Curt Ringhofer of Chicago, friend of the groom, was the best man. The groomsmen were Scott Biason of Granite City, brother of the bride;



Angela and Ryan Cox

Matt Cornell of Madison, friend of the groom; Chuck DiVito of Wheaton, friend of the groom; and Brett Stefansson of Geneva, friend of the groom.

Ring bearer was Tyler Prazma, cousin of the bride. Ushers were Chris Dudek, friend of the groom; Andrew Stover, cousin of the groom; and Buddy Prazma, cousin of the bride.

Following a honeymoon in Florida, the couple is residing in Charleston.

Births

Glass

Brenda and Joseph Glass Jr. of Collinsville have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Negan Nicole, was born Sept. 6, 1996, at St. Anthony's Hospital, Alton, at 4:48 p.m. She weighed 5 pounds, 5 ounces.

Maternal grandmother is Wanda Wente of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Nancy and Joe Glass Sr. of St. Louis and Kathy and Dan Burgess of Collinsville.

Maternal great-grandparents are Ruth and Henry Moser of Granite City.

Paternal great-grandparents are Betty and Bud Thorpe of Collinsville, and Mary Glass of Granite City.

Schmid

Scott and Angela Schmid of Granite City have announced the birth of their second child, a son.

Nicholas Anthony was born Sept. 17, 1996, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville, at 10:32 a.m. He weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces, and joins a brother Andrew, 3.

The mother is the former Angela Lewis.

Maternal grandparents are James and Edwina Boone of Granite City.

Paternal grandparents are Fred and Donna Schmig of Granite City.

Birks

Melissa Forrest and Duane Birks of Edwardsville have announced the birth of their first child, a son.

Austin Scott Birks was born Sept. 17, 1996, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville, at 8:53

p.m. He weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are John and Janice Forrest of Caseyville.

Paternal grandparents are Billie and Pat Birks of Moro.

Beer

Michael and Robin Beer of Collinsville have announced the birth of their first child, a son.

Seth Michael was born Sept. 19, 1996, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville at 9:20 p.m. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Donald and Karen Sether of Collinsville.

Paternal grandparents are Ronald and Linda Beer of Eagen, Minn.

Bateman

Brian and Cynthia Bateman of Collinsville, have announced the birth of their first child, a daughter.

Alexandra Lee was born Sept. 18, 1996, at Memorial Hospital, Belleville, at 3:05 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces.

Maternal grandmother is JoNina Rogers of Collinsville.

Paternal grandparents are Larry and Brenda Bateman of Cahokia.

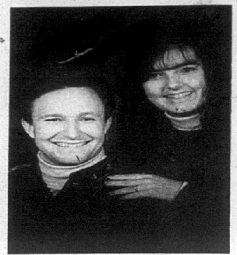
Hawkins-Whitmer

Lisa Hawkins, daughter of Marie Reckert of Hillsboro, Mo., and Travis Whitmer, son of Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Whitmer of Granite City, have announced their engagement.

Hawkins, a 1985 graduate of Fox High School, is employed by the Physical Therapy Center of St. Louis County as a billing secretary.

Whitmer, a 1988 graduate of Granite City High School and a 1992 graduate of Parks College, is employed by Boeing of Wichita, Kansas, as a stress engineer.

A fall 1997 wedding in Missouri is being planned.



Lisa Hawkins and Travis Whitmer

Card club celebrates holidays

The December meeting of the Butterfly Card Club was one of festivity. The group first met at Charlie's for a delicious buffet, then gathered at the home of Hazel Rollins.

After the gift exchange, dessert was served from a beautifully decorated table set in the Christmas motif. At each place setting were numerous Christmas gifts.

Pinochle was played the rest of the afternoon and prizes awarded to Neil Talley, also winning the 300 pinochle. Juanita Rosenberg, Ilene Willis and Catherine Hommert. Harriet Hoff won the honor prize.

Also present were Edith Ryan, Lorraine McIlvoy and Mary Lou Claussen, former member, visiting from Virginia Beach.

McIlvoy will host the January meeting.

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Sometimes fathers contact this office and inquire about the possibility of reducing their child support obligation. In some cases, these men were not represented by an attorney at the time of the original divorce. They frequently indicate that they merely agreed to a sum of child support without considering what they could afford. Several months later, many fathers in this situation realize they are paying more than other men in similar circumstances. They then inquire about a possible reduction in support.

How does a father know if the amount of child support he agreed to is excessive? Illinois law provides that the Court shall determine the minimum amount of support by using certain guidelines. A father with one child is to pay a minimum of 20% of his net income toward child support. Two children will require a minimum of 25% of the supporting party's net income.

It should be noted, however, that just because a supporting spouse entered into a bad agreement at the time of the divorce does not necessarily mean that he can subsequently have the amount of support reduced. In order for a supporting party to modify child support, he or she must show a

substantial change in circumstances. A father who feels he is paying too much support would have to show he is making less money or his ex-wife is making substantially more. He also could attempt to show that the needs of the child were not as great as they were previously.

Recently a man came to this office one year after he was divorced. He indicated that at the time the marriage was dissolved, he never consulted with his own attorney. His former wife convinced him to agree to child support which was 33% higher than the minimum standards provided by the guidelines. He inquired about the possibility of seeking a reduction in child support.

In this particular case, the man was actually making more than he had been at the time of the dissolution of the marriage. His former wife was making about the same amount of money, and the needs of the child had actually increased in the intervening year. In this case, the prospects of the father obtaining a reduction in child support were very remote. This is a case where there had not been a substantial change in circumstances since the dissolution of marriage.

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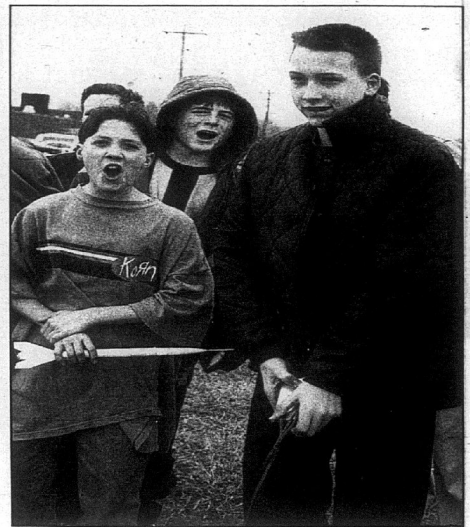
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People



Grigsby Middle School's Principles of Technology students Chase Rhodes, tows the class' launch vehicle into position as Krystle Harper, left, and Jessica Papp steady it.



(Staff photos by JOHN FRESE)
Lensi Heberlein, left, and Luke Forrester count down for the launch of a rocket.

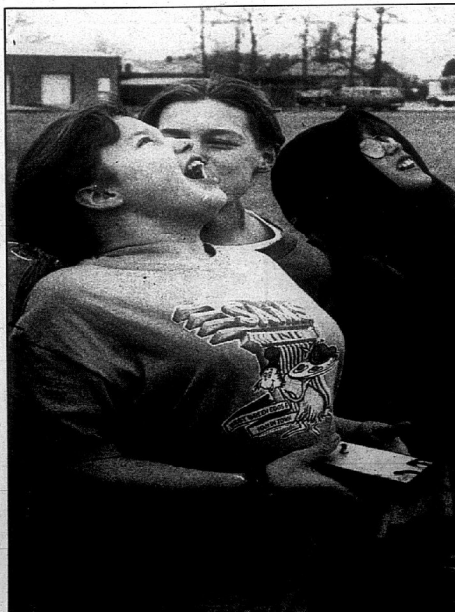
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Teacher Larry Wessels kneels as he and class members watch Amanda Sedej, center in light colored jacket, launch her rocket in the field behind the school.



Eric Banks takes a measurement to figure the altitude of another class member's rocket.



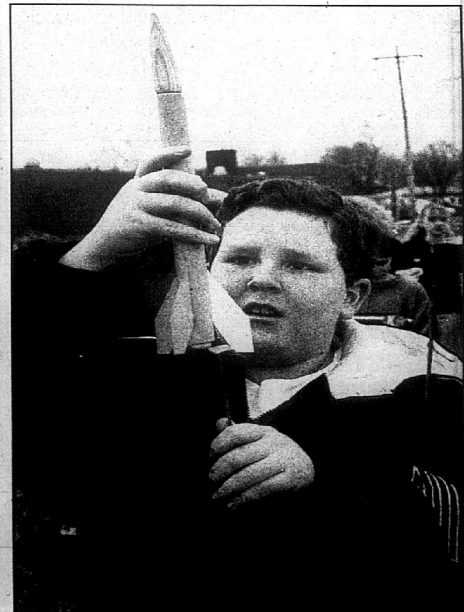
Ashley Jones watches as her rocket blasts off.



The class watches as one of the rockets lifts off.



Ashley Green, center, launches her rocket.



Brian Harris prepares his rocket for launching.

Horoscope

Thursday, Jan. 30
Mars in artistic Libra moves into a favorable aspect with unpredictable Uranus today. There is no preparing for what may happen due to Uranus' domain over sudden and unexpected change. These two planets are working in harmony, so don't waste time in worry — it will undoubtedly work out. The moon enters mysterious Scorpio this afternoon, so go ahead and tell a secret, or do something no one can know about.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Enormous pressure has been mounting at work. Speak to people, especially employer, who have not responded to your many pleas for assistance. Stress is relieved by seeing a Capricorn or Taurus love who adores you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Work to improve your memory. Thoughtful messages and gifts from you are appreciated greatly. Exercise this evening to build overall endurance. Libra would like to go into business with you. Get details in writing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A different route highlights your creativity. Partnerships bring obligations — they are well worth it. Money comes just in the nick of time. An Aries friend would like to begin a romantic relationship with you. Consider this carefully.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). An ex-lover is ready to make big concessions. You must also compromise to make the relationship work. A change in your luck for the better comes soon. Use this to motivate yourself to



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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Dreams are to be taken seriously, as you are quite intuitive right now. Pursue a new Virgo or Capricorn love with vigor and you will win his or her heart. Work is demanding, but if you put in extra time, you will be rewarded well.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 30). Your job will demand more and more of you during the first two weeks of February. Work hard and it will pay off big when an employee quits in March and a position opens up. You meet a love interest in late March or early April who sweeps you off your feet. Cash flow increases in May or June due to an investment you made last year. Travel is best in July or October. Best signs for love are Scorpio and Libra.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Focus your attention on making future vacation plans. Business deal may not succeed unless you get additional advice or consulting. Family member who has been ill is finally making a strong recovery. Pisces needs you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Changes in your personal appearance give you added confidence and enhance your sex appeal. Let your decision stand without asking others what they think. You are in control of the situation. A Taurus adores the new you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21). Entertaining goes splendidly. Your culinary skills are appreciated and impress very important people. A challenge at work forces you to make a choice. Act on instinct in a love relationship, and you will succeed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Channel your physical energies into learning a skill or sport. Your lover really likes you but does not know how to tell you. Check bank statements and financial records. Try a new spot for dinner or drinks.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Fear of competition is keeping you from being a winner in every area of your life. A Taurus friend sympathizes and helps you to overcome this. Job interviews go extremely well. Family surprises you and a mate.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your forceful personality enables you to lead a meeting when the boss is late. A former love creates havoc in your life — confront this person immediately.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You must try to be more assertive in your life. Start by stating your mind to your lover. Juggling two jobs is becoming difficult — you must make a choice. Feel all correspondence from former loves — it is artistic inspiration.

Astrological questions:

"I am an Aries, and I am restless to go into business for myself. What does my chart say is my ideal career?"
Reaching your goal shouldn't be a problem for a go-getter Aries such as you. Virgo on the ascendant strongly suggests that you will do well in a service profession. You enjoy being needed, but you wouldn't want to end up feeling you're a slave to your work. What helps balance out your somewhat workaholic temperament is your moon in free-wheeling Sagittarius. Your sun in Aries and moon in Sagittarius make you an entrepreneur. Some

people born under this sun/moon polarity love to build a business and then sell it, living off the profits — until the next idea comes along. You find it easy to relate to a wide variety of people, and this can be a magical blend. I can easily picture you training others who could eventually work under you. You have natural executive ability and should do well if you give yourself enough time to get on your feet. Look for someone born under Taurus who can have a stabilizing influence on you and help you stay on target. There's much happiness ahead.

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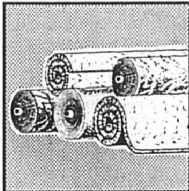
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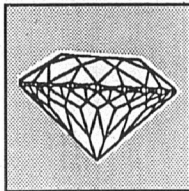
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Selecting a day-care center no easy decision

For parents, no decision is more agonizing than choosing a day-care center. According to Ann Watts, director of the department of research and referrals for the Child Day Care Association, (CDCA) at 2031 Olive, St. Louis, "nobody's born knowing how to shop for good day care."

"Selecting good day care is a function of accessibility, affordability and quality," Watts said. "The best day care in the world isn't going to do you any good if it is two hours away."

As for affordability, many centers have scholarships or charge a fee according to your income. You may be able to volunteer your services in return for part of the fee. Although there are no guarantees, there are several steps parents can take to see they get a day-care provider best suited to their needs.

Compile list of day-care centers that are accessible and affordable

A short phone call to centers near your home or office can help you determine which

are affordable and which can accept your child.

During the phone call, make sure you talk to the director of the center and obtain a check out a list of references.

Plan a visit to each center

Try to visit the center at a time when the children are active, usually in the morning. During your visit, observe the caregiver and facility.

Notice how your child's potential caregiver interacts with other children

Notice the caregiver's attitude toward the children.

Do the children seem to like the caregiver? How long does it take for a child to get attention? Is the caregiver competent to handle an emergency?

Ask about the caregiver's background and experience.

Make note of center's

adult-to-child ratio

You should find out the child-staff ratio, or how many children there are compared to how many staff members.

For many children younger than age 3, the recommended child-staff ratio is one caregiver to four or five children.

For children ages 3 to 5, one caregiver for every 10 children is recommended.

Look around the day-care center, inside and out

Is the center's license up to date?

Is the building clean and comfortable? Is there enough space indoors and out for the children to play?

Is the furniture and equipment safe and in good repair?

Is the facility itself safe? For example, are there safety caps on electrical outlets? Are there fire exits, fire extinguishers and smoke detectors?

If the facility has radiators, are they covered? Are there bars and screens on the windows?

If your child is small, is there a clean and safe place to change diapers?

If your child is toilet-trained, is the bathroom clean?

Is there a footstool so your preschooler can reach the sink and toilet?

Observe types of activities available to the children

Do children play indoors or out? Do they play in groups? Is the schedule flexible enough to meet the needs of each child?

What type of materials and equipment are available to help children develop new skills?

Are there activities that encourage children to get along with others?

Do they have opportunities to share, learn about other cultures through art, music, books, songs and games? Will they learn languages other than English?

If you have an infant or toddler, are there activities suited to this child's short attention span — activities such as puzzles, books or blocks?

If your child is a preschooler, are there items such as books, musical instruments and costumes that allow children to use their imaginations?

If your child is school age are there opportunities to do homework?

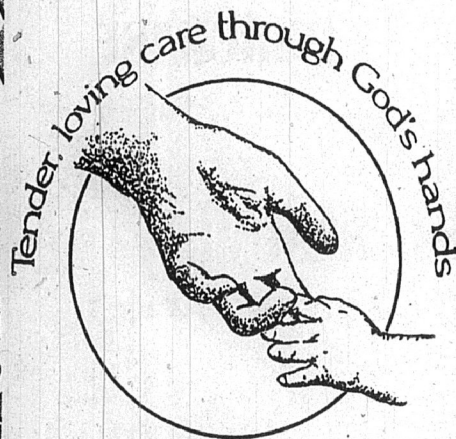
Review center's licensing record and inspection reports

If the center is licensed, schedule an appointment with the licensing bureau, The Department of Children and Family Services, to review the center's licensing record and inspection reports.

Complaints against the center will appear in the licensing record. Licensed centers are inspected annually. Inspection reports will contain any recommendations made during previous inspections and information as to whether the center is currently in compliance with state regulations.

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There are things to look for in a real estate agent

Society has come a long way since beads and wampum were used to purchase real estate. So has the real-estate profession.

For the average person, buying or selling a house is the largest financial transaction he or she will ever make.

Doing so also can be traumatic.

Whether the whole experience is smooth or rough, fun or frantic depends a great deal on the agent one chooses.

What, then, are things buyers or sellers should look for when selecting an agent?

Here are 10 characteristics to look for.

Each is important and readily discernible.

One: Enthusiasm

Does the agent show an excitement for the profession?

Does the agent reflect eagerness and energy? Enthusiasm is caught not taught.

Will it spill over, making the transaction easier and more fun for you?

Two: Good listener

Does the agent listen hard

to your words or hardly listen?

No matter how profound the agent's product knowledge, it is useless if the agent does not listen to you.

Does the agent ask questions to determine your needs and listen attentively to your answers?

If the agent does all the talking, he or she probably is not a listener. Listening is an art.

Three: Product knowledge

Whether you are a buyer or a seller, it is imperative you select an agent who knows the market.

The real estate field is not for amateurs. It is highly sophisticated, technical and changes daily.

A good agent must be attuned to the many facets which affect the market. Some of these include economic, political and social climates, market conditions, and trends both locally and nationally.

Four: Commission cutter

Be leery of an agent who is quick to cut his or her commission to get a listing.

An agent who cannot defend the commission certainly will not be able to defend the price of your house when negotiating a contract.

Think about it.

Five: Special skills

Look for an agent who can think creatively. Ask what the agent's toughest transaction was and how it was handled.

You gain a lot of insight into a person's negotiating skills this way, and you may need them.

Six: Track record

Does the agent have a proven record of success? What does he or she consider strong points? Of what is the agent most proud career-wise?

These things are far more telling than a list of referrals. No thinking person uses as a referral the name of someone who does not think that person walks on water. Better referrals are those that come from your friends and neighbors.

Ask them for recommendations.

Seven: Honesty

Pick an agent who will tell you like it is, not as you would like to hear it. For instance, an agent who tells you it is OK to list your house at a higher price than comparables dictate just to get your listing is not acting on your best behalf or even being truthful. Or an agent who shows a buyer houses he can not afford is not being truthful, either.

Eight: Designations

Is the agent you are considering a Realtor? All real estate agents are not Realtors. A Realtor is a member of the National Association of Realtors and abides by a strict code of ethics that is over and above the license law.

Does he or she have additional designations? Designations denote dedication and professionalism. Two of the most distinguished are Graduate Real Estate Institute and Certified Residential Specialist. GRI is equivalent to a mas-

ter's degree in sales. Less than 2 percent of all licensed real estate agents worldwide have earned the respected CRS designation, an internationally recognized symbol of residential sales excellence.

Nine: Compatibility

Look for an agent whose personality is compatible with yours. You too will be doing some major bonding. Even if the agent is the guru of the real estate field, if your personalities clash, the whole buying or selling experience will be a nightmare.

Ten: Sense of humor

Buying or selling real estate is a highly emotional experience. It is also serious business. A sense of humor keeps both in balance.

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Make sure to evaluate replacement windows

Outside, it's a spectacular day. The sun is shining brightly. The sky is a deep blue, the air is fresh and you want to be outside.

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If only there was a way to enjoy the picture of beauty outside, if only somehow you could get a better view. But your home's windows are dirty, affording only a narrow view to the glorious scenery outside.

Better windows bring better vistas

There is a solution — new windows that will give you fuller enjoyment of nature's wonders spring, summer, winter and fall.

High-tech, high-style windows are being used more than ever to help homeowners enjoy the outside views from inside their homes.

Big windows open up a home, brighten it and make it feel larger and more inviting. And homeowners no longer

In colder weather and cooler climates, glass filled with Argon gas prevents heat from escaping the house and helps hold down gas, oil or electric bills. In warmer weather, the glass keeps the heat outside and the cool in, again cutting energy expenses.

need to give up comfort, practicality and energy efficiency to enjoy big, beautiful windows.

Energy efficiency improves comfort and utility bills

For years, windows were considered energy wasters.

Their use was limited to relatively small areas in homes. But today, that's all changing.

Energy-efficient windows with low-maintenance exteriors and super energy-efficient

glass are becoming increasingly popular.

During the 1970s, when energy conservation was critical, many homeowners cut back on the use of windows as energy wasters.

But as an outgrowth of the energy shortage, new glass panes were developed to cut down on lost heat or cool air, thus saving on furnace and air-conditioning costs.

The windows, known as low-E are double panes of glass filled with Argon gas, rather than air, providing greater insulation. The glass is typically coated with a micro-

scopic metallic layer to reflect radiant heat.

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ers and refrigerators.

That will help to simplify comparison shopping.

A window checklist

There are a few other suggestions when shopping for windows, whether you're remodeling, doing new construction or replacing you existing windows:

✓Consider the type of material used in window frames. Vinyl, aluminum and wood window frames vary in their insulation capacities.

✓Choose windows with a low-E glass. Most windows are available with these optional or standard glazings. The energy savings reaped by using low-E windows can help offset the cost of the investment in new windows. And they add value to your home.

✓Work with a reputable retailer with trained window experts. Knowledgeable salespeople will help you choose the right windows for your needs. Poorly chosen windows or badly installed ones can cost a bundle in lost energy and poor performance.

New standards help comparison shopper

Until recently, however, it was difficult for consumers to accurately compare the energy efficiency of windows because manufacturers used different testing procedures and labeling standards to rate glass.

But a new standard is being introduced that will make it easier for consumers to judge the energy efficiency of the insulated windows they may be planning to purchase.

The National Fenestration Rating Council, NFRC, is introducing a new labeling system that will help homeowners determine the energy rating of their windows, similar to what consumers see on water heat-



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Selecting OB/GYN may be easier than it seems

Although selecting an obstetrician/gynecologist may seem like a daunting task, it doesn't have to be. Asking for recommendations from family and friends, visiting the doctor's office and calling patient-referral hotlines at area hospitals are just a few ways you can make a decision on which OB/GYN is right for you.

Do research of your own

Sit down and write a list of what is important to you in an OB/GYN. For example, are you more comfortable with a female doctor, or a male? Make a list of questions to use to interview prospective doctors on such subjects as examination procedures, insurance acceptance, cost, office hours and location.

Look for an OB/GYN who is skilled in explaining procedures so that you understand what is going on. It's also important to choose an OB/GYN who involves you in solving any problems or concerns you might have.

Another alternative is to call the doctor's office with questions. Most inquiries can usually be handled by the doctor's staff. If you have another doctor you like, ask his or her advice when you need a specialist.

Ask for recommendations

Talk to family members and friends and ask them what they like about their OB/GYN

— and what they don't like. Keep in mind that what is important to you might not be

as important to those whose opinion you solicit.

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Call referral hotlines

Investigate whether major hospitals in your area have patient-referral hotlines. Rep-

resentatives from those hotlines can give you information about the doctors in its referral system. Some questions to ask are:

How close is the doctor's office to your home or work?

Is the doctor board-certified?

What medical school did he or she attend?

Does the doctor accept your insurance plan?

What method of payment does the doctor accept? Can you use credit cards if you wish?

How long will you have to wait for an appointment as a new patient?

Which hospitals are the doctor affiliated with?

How old is the doctor? Does the doctor have openings for new patients?

Check doctors' credentials

Call the American Board of Medical Specialties at (800) 776-2378 to check a physician's credentials.

The basic training of a physician specialist, such as an OB/GYN includes four years of premedical education at a college or university, four years of medical school, and

after receiving the M.D. degree, at least three years of specialty training under supervision — called a residency.

A specialist in obstetrics and gynecology has been prepared to provide medical and surgical care for disorders that affect the female reproductive system, the fetus, or the newborn.

Visit or call the doctor with questions

You may want to consult with an OB/GYN before making a decision. That is usually possible, sometimes for a small fee.

Another alternative is to call the doctor's office with questions. Most inquiries can usually be handled by the doctor's staff.

Remember that it is not unreasonable to expect answers to your questions. If you don't get answers you are comfortable with, keep looking around.

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Small carpet buy may be one you make for years

Carpet is a purchase that most people don't have to make very often — but it's an expensive one. That's why it's important to shop with care: The selection you make is one you will be living with for many years.

Consider how and where you'll want to use your new carpet before you shop

No other major family purchase — with the possible exception of automobile tires — is subject to the abuse a family carpet will receive. If, for instance, you're planning to cover the floor in a hallway or children's bedroom, the carpet should be able to withstand a steady and heavy traffic.

This will be of less concern, however, if you're shopping for carpet for a guest bedroom or seldom-used front parlor. Similarly, carpet in the master bedroom isn't subject to heavy wear, since great portions of it are generally covered with heavy furniture.

By contrast, the bathroom located off the master bedroom is exposed to much more

abuse. In fact, experts recommend using linoleum or ceramic tile for bathrooms, the kitchen or any room with running water.

Choose the highest quality you can afford

If you don't personally know your dealer, trust in the quality of the brand. Over the long run, the "big three" brands — Monsanto, DuPont and Allied — can be relied on for quality and durability. Most, if not all, of the carpet outlets in the greater St. Louis area will carry stock from one or all of these labels.

A carpet's durability is a function of density and length of its fiber. Density refers to the tightness of the weave of the fabric. Usually, a tighter weave wears better.

Fiber length refers to the height of the material. If it's too short, it will wear more quickly. If too long, it will lay over, hiding dirt and losing its freshness and eye-appeal.

Optimum length is just under an inch to about an inch and a quarter.

These days, most carpet is treated with a stain resistant chemical — but don't assume this. Check the label. That discounted carpet might be less costly simply because it wasn't stain-treated.

Pick the color that's right for you

One of the major changes to occur in the carpet inventory during the past 20 years has been the proliferation of colors. Where customers previously were given a choice from among four or five hues in a particular line, today it's not uncommon to see 40, 60 or even 80 colors available within each line. This is a major burden for the carpet merchant, who must carry a substantial inventory, but a great benefit for the style-conscious consumer.

You'll want your new carpet to match the drapes and furnishings of your room. Many shoppers arrive at the carpet shop armed with drape swatches or arm caps from the sofa and lounge chairs. This is fine if you have them

but don't despair if you don't. Most carpet retailers have sample boards containing color and style swatches. While few dealers are willing to turn you — a stranger — loose with their samples, most will cheerfully arrange an appointment for a member of their sales staff to bring them to your home.

Pick the style and texture that best suits you.

When it comes to style, there is not a right or wrong answer. Your choice depends entirely on the look you want. The three basic styles to choose from, however, are plush, textured or sculptured.

The plush carpet is most popular, combining an elegant look with reasonable economy. Some people don't care for visibility of vacuum tracks or footprints, however. If this is a concern, textured carpet is an alternative. The fibers are heat set in a method called misdirected, which means they vary from strand to strand.

For a distinctive look — especially in a room with plen-

ty of unfurnished space — sculptured carpet might be considered. Sculptured carpet is constructed using varying lengths of material to form a pattern of design.

Fashion tip No 1: Indoor-outdoor carpet is actually misnamed. It's really appropriate solely as an outdoor carpet.

Fashion tip No. 2: Shag rugs went out with leisure suits.

Take time to compare

As with any major purchase, you will learn a lot by shopping around for the best value and price. Comparison shopping can be difficult, however, because of the large variety of carpet grades on the market. It's important to make sure the prices you receive from different merchants really are for the same quality of material and level of service.

If you're purchasing wall-to-wall carpet, you'll probably want the store to perform the installation.

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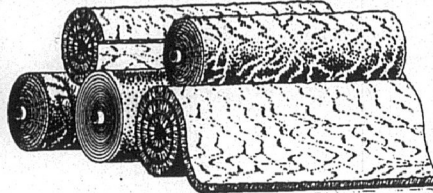
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Stating your job objective

With your job objective, you let a prospective employer know what kind of position you are looking for and what you feel you are qualified for.

If you are seeking a management position, say so. If you are looking for a sales job, say so.

If you find that you have more than one objective or goal due to a broad range of expertise, you can handle this situation in one of two ways.

Use the aspects of your training and work experience that are directly related to your stated job objective.

Your first option is to list each objective. Your second option is to tailor each resume to each prospective employer. This second option is definitely more time consuming, but can certainly be worth the added effort if you think each prospect is looking for something different.

Preparing the body of your resume

Sit down and compile your employment and educational background on a rough draft. Arrange this information in a manner that makes you look most appealing. Use the aspects of your training and work experience that are directly related to your stated job objective.

Give all pertinent information about each previous work

experience. The position you held, the length of time at that job and a description of your responsibilities are what employers want to see. Don't spend too much time talking about unrelated jobs.

If you are a college graduate, list the names of your schools, the year you graduated and the degree you received.

Writing the body of your resume

The standard resume is written in the following order: job objective or goal, education, work experience, special skills or awards and a statement concerning references. Many people simply state at the bottom of the resume that references can be furnished upon request.

Resumes, like many other things, are changing with the times. What was "standard" yesterday can be very different tomorrow. What remains the same is that this is your chance to make a prospective employer interested in knowing more about you. If you want to focus on various qualifications, rather than education or a specific employer, do so in such a manner that your best qualifications are listed first.

When outlining your past responsibilities, stay away from lengthy sentences. Instead, opt for short phrases that start with action verbs.

Always make sure your resume is typed, even if you have to pay someone to do it. A professional-looking resume can make a big difference in whether yours is even looked at. Many printing shops can create a top-notch resume for you, as well as furnish many copies.

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resumes, so you have to make sure that your resume stands out. By the same token, you need to make sure your resume is detailed, yet concise

so that as much information can be learned about you in as little time as possible.

Keep in mind that companies often have limited people looking through hundreds of

The waiting game

Now is the hard part — waiting to see if you get called in for an interview. Just

remember that although this job might not work out, the next one may, so keep trying. And when you get an interview, turn on the personality and sell them on you.

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Buying fine jewelry unlike any other purchase

Buying a piece of fine jewelry is unlike any other product. What other product comprises materials that are often billions of years old?

The natural gemstones and precious metals from which fine jewelry is created have a uniqueness and complexity that require special knowledge — and often gemological equipment — not readily accessible to the average customer. No two gemstones are alike; design and quality vary greatly from piece to piece.

Most consumers could not evaluate a strand of quality cultured pearls, distinguish between a blue topaz and a sapphire or recognize a one-carat diamond. And even if they do know the difference between carats and karats, how do they know they are getting what they're paying for?

With the proliferation of jewelry outlets, including catalogs and electronic shopping, select where and what to buy can

be a daunting experience.

The Jewelry Information Center, a non-profit trade association headquartered in New York City, provides the following tips on finding the right jeweler and what to look for when buying fine jewelry.

Buy from a trusted jeweler

Choosing the right jeweler is like choosing a doctor: ask friends or colleagues to recommend someone they know and trust. Otherwise, find out how long the jeweler has been in business by checking with the Better Business Bureau or Chamber of Commerce.

The right jeweler is a trained professional who can knowledgeably guide his customer through the selection process. And he will be there later if the piece needs to be cleaned, restrung or remounted. Find out what other services the jeweler provides that might be important in the

future. Ask what the return or trade-up policy is. And finally, is the jeweler affiliated with one of the jewelry trade organizations that require a code of conduct for its members?

Don't be dazzled by discounts

If a store is offering unbelievable discounts of 50 percent or more, the sale probably is just that — unbelievable. Consumers should play it safe by shopping around first and comparing actual value. They may find that the regular price at other stores matches or is less than the "discounted" sales price.

Look for registered trademark and quality mark

When buying a piece of gold jewelry, the karat mark, often called the quality mark, tells the percentage of pure

gold in the piece. Pure gold, or 24K, usually is considered too soft for jewelry. It must be alloyed with other metals, such as copper, zinc or silver, to

give it strength and durability. Fourteen-karat gold, for example is 58.3 percent gold; the rest are alloys. Jewelry less

than 10K gold (or 41.7 percent gold) cannot be legally sold as gold in the United States.

Ask the jeweler to show you the quality mark for gold, as well as for platinum and sterling silver jewelry. If the quality mark appears on the piece, a registered U.S. trademark is required by federal law that

assures the consumer that the manufacturer stands behind the authenticity of the piece. If the trademark is not there, don't buy it.

Get it in writing

When buying fine jewelry, ask the jeweler to write a complete description on your

receipt. For gold jewelry, ask for the karatage; for diamonds, the cut, color, clarity

and carat weight (the weight of the center stone and total carat weight if there are side

stones); for colored stones, ask for a description of overall color and carat weight, and if the

stone is of natural origin or has been treated in any way. That information should be

included on the bill of sale.


No other object known to man gives as much lasting pleasure as a piece of fine jewelry, made from precious metals and ancient stones found

deep beneath the earth's surface. The shopping experience can be equally enjoyable with

the consumers keeping in mind the above tips and looking for a knowledgeable, established

jeweler to assist them in finding the right piece for their budget and personal style.

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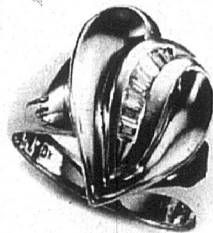
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